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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLIANCE REPORTS

1. DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT, AMBASSADOR HILL HAS RAISED STORIES CIRCULATING IN ARGENTINA AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, WASHINGTON, THAT HE REPORTED CRITICALLY ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA TO CONGRESS. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE IN SCOTCHING SUCH STORIES, IF THEY PERSIST:

2. Q. HAS AMBASSADOR HILL ADVISED THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ARGENTINA?

A. NO. ALLEGATIONS TO THIS EFFECT ARE INCORRECT. AMBASSADOR HILL HAS NEITHER COMMUNICATED WITH THE CONGRESSMAN NOR HIS SUBCOMMITTEE, AND IS AT A TOTAL LOSS TO UNDERSTAND THE SOURCE OF THESE STORIES.

Q. HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT SENT A REPORT ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE?

A. YES, THE SUBCOMMITTEE REQUIRED REPORTS ON SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ARGENTINA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 522 B OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LAW.

Q. WHAT DID THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT SAY?

A. THE CONTENTS OF THESE REPORTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. I CAN'T DISCUSS THEM.

Q. DID AMBASSADOR HILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DRAFTING OF THE REPORT ON ARGENTINA, OR OTHERWISE APPROVE IT BEFORE IT WAS SENT?

A. THE REPORT WAS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. IT DREW ON THE VIEWS OF A NUMBER OF OBSERVERS, INCLUDING, OF COURSE, AMBASSADOR HILL AND HIS STAFF. THE AMBASSADOR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE, HOWEVER, FOR THE REPORT.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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P2 3. FYI. COLUMNIST JACK ANDERSON'S OFFICE TELEPHONED ARA/ECA TO INQUIRE ABOUT AMBASSADOR HILL AND WHETHER HE HAD WRITTEN A REPORT OR BEEN VERY CRITICAL OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. DEPTOFF DECLINED TO COMMENT. ANDERSON'S OFFICE ASKED WHETHER AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN HERE RECENTLY, AND DEPTOFF CONFIRMED AUGUST AND CURRENT VISITS. FINALLY, ANDERSON'S OFFICE WANTED TO KNOW IF SOME KIND OF VOTE HAD BEEN TAKEN IN THE DEPARTMENT ON WHETHER TO CUT OFF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ARGENTINA OR NOT. DEPTOFF NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WORK THAT WAY. END FYI. KISSINGER

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